

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

September 9, 2020

St. Robert School Riley Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Chair Kathlyn Fletcher

Members present:

Kathlyn Fletcher, SAC Committee Chair

Lauren Beckmann, Principal

Father Enrique Hernandez, Parish Administrator

Joe Cincotta, Policy Committee Chair and Liaison to Parish Council

Dan Wycklendt, Budget and Finance Committee Chair

Carl Cahill, Marketing and Recruitment Committee Chair

Kevin Casper, Development Committee Chair

Kristi Felber, Marketing and Engagement Director

John Van Rooy, Environment/Buildings & Ground Committee Chair

Terry Mambu Rasch, Liaison to Home and School Association

Sheila Hanson Loehrke, SAC Secretary

Others present:

Molly Matthews, 6th grade Teacher

Kathryn Delapp, 6th grade Teacher

Katie Dercks, 4th grade Teacher

Members not present:

Susan Sprenger, Education and Formation Committee Chair

Liliane McFarlane, Engagement Chair

Approval of the Minutes: August minutes approved

1. Father Enrique's report:

2. Enrollment Update: Kristi Felber

- Enrollment is at 290
- 67 new students from 48 families, new students in every grade
- Unable to hire a 3rd grade teacher, so families needed to be turned away.
- Added 2 new students to 3rd grade, so 22 total. The 3rd grade classroom utilizes a 2 room suite, so space is not an issue for social distancing. An aide is helping out in 3rd grade in the morning and a reading specialist is helping out with reading in the afternoon.

3. Principal's Report

- A. Re-opening update:

1. Kids and parents are positive about the new changes the school made to be open and safe. Kids are cooperating and have adapted well to changes.
2. Almost 100% compliance with mask wearing.
3. Hygiene is going well. Seeing kids taking this seriously.
4. The social distancing has been a challenge. Seeing this most during unstructured time.
5. Lunch and lunch dismissal still has some quirks. Current lunch room protocol is not sustainable. Kids are going to start helping to clean tables.
6. End of day dismissal app has some quirks, but it is improving daily. The goal of using the dismissal app was to avoid the entire student population being dismissed at the same time. Believe this goal is being accomplished.
7. Health and quarantine:
 - a. Kids are coming into the office with one of the 11 COVID systems. These kids are sent home. Kids have to have a negative COVID test before they can return to school.
 - b. Have a middle school aged student out right now because they were possibly exposed to someone who had COVID. This student has a COVID test pending.
 - c. Currently have a small group of students out because parent's voluntarily chose to quarantine them at home.
 - d. Working on a COVID Dashboard that will be put up on our website.
 - e. Attendance is at 97% today.

B. Virtual option update:

1. Middle school farther along than elementary school.
2. No webcams yet, they were ordered in July and not have arrived yet. One middle school teacher used her computer to do the best she could with live virtual learning. She thought it did not go well. This is a work in progress.
3. Temporary virtual learning is divided up by grade levels. Middle School, 3rd-5th grade, and K4-4th grade. It will look different for each group.
4. Some parents asking if there will be a long term virtual option. Based on the teacher survey Lauren conducted, teachers believe it is not a sustainable ask to offer a virtual only option. The teachers present at the meeting provided their thoughts.
 - a. In order for the teachers to do a good job with in person students, they don't believe they have the time in their day to also provide virtual learning.
 - b. Teachers feel spread thin already. All of the teacher's effort is being put into providing a good in person option. Not enough hours in the day to do both in person and virtual.
 - c. Teachers were putting in 12-13 hours a day when our school provided virtual only option in the Spring. Everyone would suffer if they had to provide both.
5. Lauren looked into Swivel, a robotic webcam. It is a \$1000 device. Lauren chose to not order due to cost.

C. Healthy School Fundraising Project update: Air Filtration/touchless faucet fundraising update:

1. 78 donors
2. Average gift is \$400
3. \$31,775 raised in 2 weeks.
4. Goal is \$43,750
5. Faucets will be installed as we have the money. They will be installed after hours or on weekends.

4. Engagement and Development: How do we preserve our culture in a time of COVID?

- A. Have a summit from the committees to brainstorm ideas to continue our community building. Kathy and Kevin plus one more SAC, 2 folks from H&S, and development committee will participate in the summit.
- B. Any activities should follow the guidelines of the school. Reduce the complexity of the activity and set a time limit.
- C. Small group activities organized around special interests.
- D. Cohorts and conversations has been axed.
- E. Annual fund goal is \$210,000

ACTION PLAN:

1. Teachers have been asked to keep an eye on the new students to make sure they are adjusting well. (Lauren)
2. Given no class parties, reach out to new parents to see if there is anything they need to feel more comfortable at our school. (Not assigned)